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For the past eight years our family has been exposed to excessive amounts of noise, dust, and storm water run-off coming from the Nuzzo pit area. On one particular Saturday I had to listen to a reverse beeper run continuously for one hour from 5 to 6 p.m. When I brought this to Robbie Nuzzo's attention, he advised me to contact Act 250 and offered to give me the phone number. This prompted me to read the entire permit. The permit lists a strict list of rules which the permittee is obliged to operate by. Nineteen months ago I decided to file a formal complaint. It's not my nature to square off with anyone, especially a neighbor, but this is different. The noise compromises my life and my family's lives. The bucket loaders and trucks cannot drive up the pit road without breaching the 70 decibel limit. I have three decibel meters; each reads 90 decibels as the loader passes up the pit road along my property line. An empty truck reaches 86 decibels exiting on the same route. Watching the material being imported from pit 2 to pit 1 is particularly annoying, because it is beyond the scope of the permit and always has been. After exhausting efforts to have the material screen moved, it finally happened. Unfortunately, the new location, while decreasing the noise level at the back of our property, has increased the level of noise we are exposed to at the front of our property, especially in our house. This is unacceptable. Eight years of violations have soured our taste for the pit.

Additionally, the Act 250 permit states that only 2 acres can be mined at one time, and when they're done with that area, that 2 acres must be reclaimed before they open up another area. This has not been happening, and right now over a dozen acres are open. No reclamation has been done.

The pit is currently being mined from north to south. We think we would all be better off if that was reversed [south to north]. This would take the incline out of the equation, resulting in far less noise.

We are very pleased that in the last couple months the trucks and other pit operations only operated during the mandated pit hours.

When our neighbor first proposed to open and operate a pit, we were very supportive, but years of dealing with the dust, water run-off, and the noise have exhausted our family and have diminished our quality of life. When the pit is operating, we have to close all the windows and doors on the pit side of the house and shops, and the noise makes it extremely unpleasant to be outside. We are pleased that our neighbor has recently made changes to bring some issues with his pit into compliance, and we hope that he will continue to work to bring his whole operation into compliance with the state.

Thank you,
Larz Allen and Patty Genadio